Mainland Travel in the Post-Xi Jinping Era (2): Open and Closed National Gate

Opening up and closing seem contradictory, but they are the reality of today's China. However, liberalization is only for people abroad, but for the people of the mainland, it is an obvious trend of closure. From the perspective of travelers, the latter is not the focus of this article.

Super-national treatment?

Shortly after the epidemic, China implemented a unilateral visa-free policy for most countries. This policy is not new in the world; but for several totalitarian countries, it is completely a humiliating measure without "equal dignity" and disrespectful to authority. For example, Xiaojin would not do this. In the Mao era, it was an unimaginable scene.

Since the founding of the Communist Party of China, it has never been like this, which has opened the door to the West. Before the epidemic, this one-way policy was only adopted for individual countries such as Japan. The motive and reason behind it are unknown. After the epidemic, in the face of large-scale boycott in many countries, the number of people coming to China has decreased sharply, and it should be a helpless policy to implement unilateral visa exemption for most Western countries. And the deadline is getting longer and longer, currently up to 30 days, which is really an exception.

However, it is still a temporary visa release, and the decision to pat the head is not similar to the legal visa-free policy of the West, which needs the approval of Congress.

My trip to the mainland in the post-Xi Jinping era was due to the

liberalization of the country. But there is still a entanglement before the trip, because the artificial obstacles deliberately set up in the past, such as refusing to use cash and binding measures such as forced identity and data registration, have left a strong negative impression on me.

Many Chinese people can't understand why people abroad don't appreciate their electronic "convenience". This is actually a matter of values, and it will not be developed here.

My landing goal is Sichuan. This is my first visit to the southwest, with both expectations and doubts. The first thing my old friend said after meeting me was: How dare you go back to China? I was wondering, and he continued that many of his middle and college classmates had said that they would not come back, and there was less and less contact.

In fact, the slogan of the motherland to lead the world and some ambitions to confront the earth have had a long-term negative effect. In the environment of economic downturn, the downturn in the real estate market and the decline in foreign trade, "foreign guests" have become the fragrant dumplons to attract in various places, which is the fundamental reason for the introduction of the visa-free policy.

Contrary to my expectations, the convenience of overseas passengers has been greatly improved, and it has relaxed a lot compared with before and after the epidemic.

The first is the improvement of overseas mobile phone signals. In the past, the mobile phone network in the United States was automatically converted to China Telecom in the mainland. You can access any overseas website without going over the wall, but the signal is weak, and you often need to use WiFI to surf the Internet and VPN to escort. Now that the signal has been enhanced, many places are already 5G, and there is no need to link to local WiFi. With VPN, it ensures the confidentiality of personal information.

Before and after the epidemic, customs, subways and many sensitive areas, police often raided to check mobile phones and identity. Benbo has also exposed it many times and kept a certificate. But so far, this kind of phenomenon seems to have disappeared and has not been heard of.

The popularity and usage of cash have improved significantly. Although electronic payment is still common, almost all merchants have cash change, and there has been no trouble, and no complaints from merchants have been heard. This is another helpless choice or "improvement" that the authorities must have with the international trajectory.

Before the epidemic, subway stations in major cities could buy tickets and recharge with cash. Later, the cash machine was forcibly dismantled and all of them were replaced with real-name electronic payment. Except for Shenzhen (considering the rebound of the people in Hong Kong), overseas tourists cannot buy tickets and recharge without mobile phones, credit cards and mobile phone numbers that bind their identities.

Taking transportation is full of difficulties, which naturally scares away many overseas tourists.

Nowadays, at least one newly installed cash ticket machine can be found in the subway station, and the manual window can also help. There is no problem in buying tickets at the airport. Some websites, such as TRIP, can directly use local currency credit cards and emails to book mainland flights, train tickets and hotel accommodation, with a small handling fee.

A subway station in Chengdu is still posted with a Chinese propaganda slogan, which means that all people are welcome to buy tickets with Alipay.

It can be seen that the ambition of policymakers to unify the world and the earth has only been temporarily frustrated.

Before and after the epidemic, entering major scenic spots, restricted areas at airports or key departments such as schools require ID cards and appointment arrangements. Sometimes personal information such as local phone numbers and payment accounts are also required, which is cumbersome and troublesome.

Now the "foreign guests" have been opened to the Internet. They can use cash and manual channels, often without appointment and no quota limit. After the age, admission is free.

These improvement measures are national and seem to be official unified instructions and actions.

But there are still loopholes, because the official always tries to let their software system, like the dream of RMB, command the world. For example, many countries in the world follow the United States, use Google, YouTube and Facebook, etc., which is the choice of freedom and the market. For free travel, Uber and Lyft are commonly used; but in the mainland, you must use "Didi Taxi", etc., which are all copied from the United States, and it is still inconvenient for overseas tourists to use.

My friend rushed to answer: In fact, it is more inconvenient for Chinese tourists traveling abroad. My reaction was: I didn't think about you in the first place. It's better not to go out.

Obviously, in the mainland of the "artificial intelligence era", "foreign guests" have the status of de facto supernational treatment. This is also thanks to the voice and recent silent struggle of Hong Kong compatriots, which do not follow the "electronic" era of the mainland, so that the monkey policy with the will of the commander is forced to end.

Many people with status in China are naturally unhappy when they see this injustice, especially in the environment where they are restricted from going out.

Can politics decide everything?

In fact, I don't need to accompany me anymore and can go freely, except for taxis; in addition, it is also true that I am popular almost everywhere. When the conversation goes deep, I will tell him that I am from California.

On the subway, a young man was seen wearing a black jacket with the American flag, and more people behaved implicitly.

Now the most popular hat emblem in the world is LA or NY. After carefully observing China, it is also closely following the trend, and even more popular. These two American logos are sewn on hats, clothes, and bags by creative people, with colorful colors and patterns. Seeing an elder, he sewed LA and NY together. The meaning it gives may be that I like the United States. What can you do?

These days, it is the official anti-Japanese, anti-high market early seedling, and the curses are constant. Because she claimed on November 7: "If there is something wrong with Taiwan, it means that something wrong with Japan". My friend asked about my attitude.

The answer is that Trump said that if he dared to attack Taiwan, he would bomb Beijing. Why didn't they jump? Friend's answer: Really? They pretended not to hear it. Recommend him to read my article in April last yearXi Jinping's mysterious chess game has made the resurrection of Japan., think about how the "Japanese militarism" they claimed was revived?

In fact, the official is afraid of Japan, and even more afraid of the United States. I told my friend that a big play for you may end tomorrow.

The attitude of Sichuan people, especially young people, towards publicity can be shown in many aspects.

Under the pressure of economic downturn, people's income has

decreased, and many catering industries have gone bankrupt. The price in Sichuan is only one-half or one-third of that in Shenzhen. American brand chain stores, such as Starbucks, McDonald's and Kent Chicken, are already at a disadvantage in price competition. But in busy streets, stations and airports, there are still more customers than the local catering industry.

I was waiting for the train in the morning and sat near three coffee shops. Domestic brands are in a better position, with national flags hanging above the door, but most passengers bypass it and enter Starbucks or Kent Chicken in the inner. The last two families were full of people.

I tested the coffee of the three companies and found no big difference, but the domestic ones are much cheaper.

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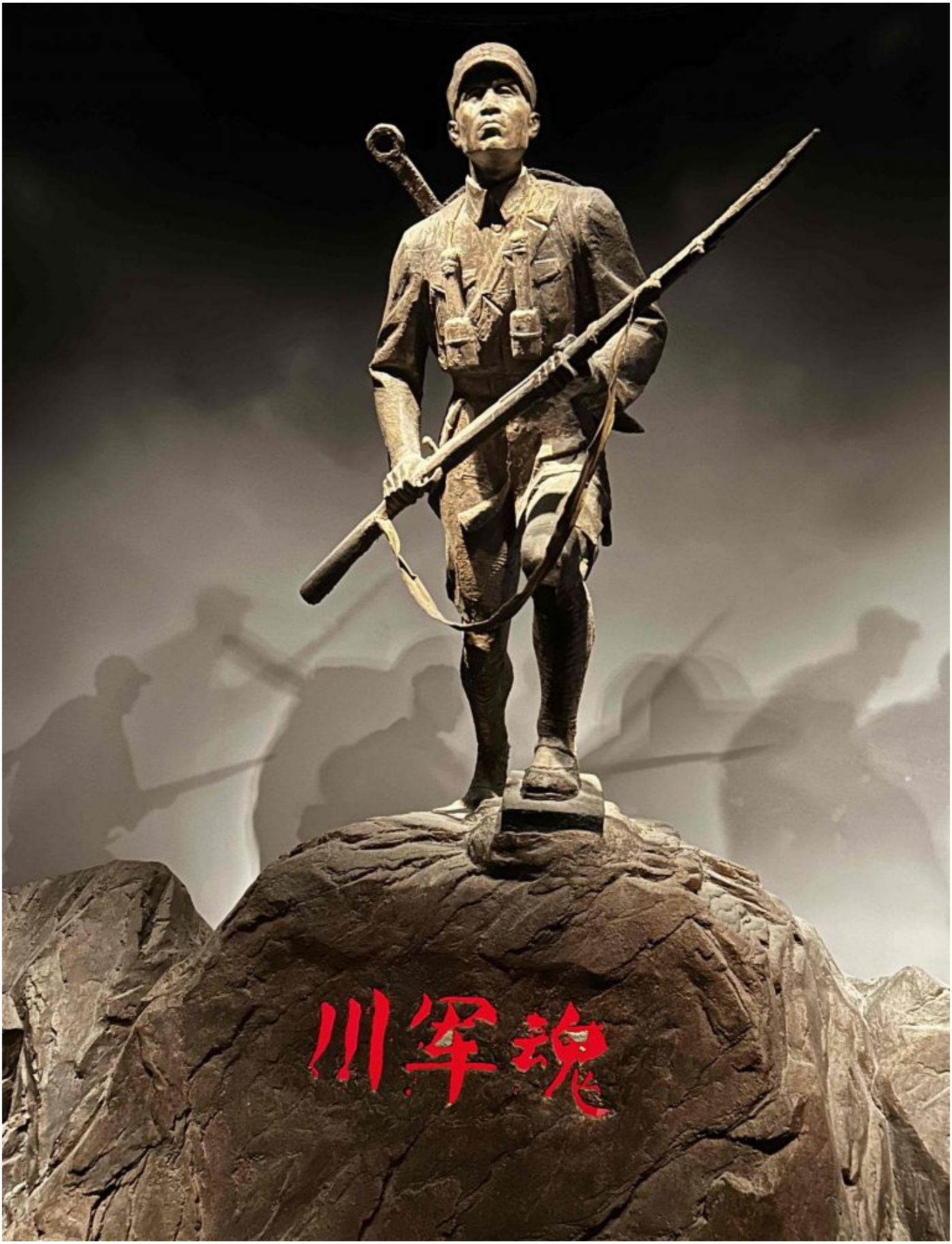

The scenery of the Kingdom of Heaven

To say something from my heart: Sichuan has left a deep impression on me. It is indeed the country of heaven and earth and outstanding people. In addition to the above-mentioned measures to improve free travel, the people are generally warm, simple and sincere.

In the Chengdu subway, I was helped by young women on duty at the station many times. They are not only beautiful, but also proactive, kind and thoughtful.

But my Sichuan tour guide broke the opportunity on the tour bus: The attitude of Sichuan women you said to be true, but at home, they are not so open-minded. The mantra they often say is: do it or not? I'll count to three!

I'm thinking, men are so cowardly, what's the matter with the Sichuan army?

It was a little strange to find that many Taiwanese like Sichuan. This time I was in Shu, I also saw many Taiwanese tourists. In the elevator, I also saw a young woman walking around the street in a Sichuan opera robe. In my opinion, the mainland is most similar to the current customs of Taiwan, that is, it may be in Sichuan. Some people explain that this is related to the great rear history of the Republic of China government.

But why not Shanghai, Ning and the coastal provinces?

The opening-up policy attracts most Chinese people. I haven't seen a few English-speaking Europeans and Americans.

Chengdu is far beyond my imagination, with a population of more than 20 million and nearly 20 subway lines. In the past five years, coastal cities have lost a large number of people, while Chengdu has grown by more than 5 million in the past five years.

Tianfu Square, Chunxi Road and other places are bustling with crowds.

There are still many vacant and suspended buildings in the suburbs. Some restaurants put out slogans with prices back to ten years ago to solicit diners.

Maybe I still need to look around Sichuan to avoid falling into the situation of walking around and looking at flowers.

I'd heard that Sichuan people don't cheat. During the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, the mother's family fled to Chongqing and Fengdu in Jiangbei. What has been dyed since childhood is the style of "back pot meat". At that time, our ancestors were called "the people of Xiajiang". But Sichuan people have a tradition of tolerance and openness, which is true.

They went ashore at Chaotianmen in Chongqing. But today's Chaotianmen has already changed its old appearance, and the cold phoenix drizzle blows my face. I paused for a long time at the dock and tried to fantasize about the scene 80 years ago: after the victory, they took the U.S. landing boat here and left forever...

In an inconspicuous corner of the Chengdu Museum, I saw the relics of the U.S. military "Flying Tigers" on display.

This time, taking advantage of the temporary opening, I fulfilled my ancestors' last wish to return to their hometown.

In Sichuan's culture, eating is an important part. Unfortunately, I'm not good at spicy food. I've only tasted some dishes, but I'm puzzled by the ubiquitous brands such as Mom's Rabbit Head or Mom's Hoof Flower.

But what's the problem? The most difficult thing to understand is the "three-star pile" culture, which used to be called "Guanghan culture", and now it is called "Bashu culture". No matter how you look at it, it has nothing to do with today's Sichuan people. However, this is the content of

the further visit next week, and it is also another purpose of my visit to Sichuan. Let's talk later.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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今日戏报
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高食
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品川茶
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